

## **Rule 375-7-4-.06 Motorcycle Safety Program - Coach Qualifications**

(1) All Coaches shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- (a) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (b) Possess a high school diploma or equivalent GED;
- (c) Successfully complete a Department background check commensurate to the requirements found in O.C.G.A. § 43-13-5;
- (d) Successfully complete an approved Coach Preparation course;
- (e) Agree to teach only approved courses;
- (f) Maintain Coach certification;
- (g) Enroll in and complete approved Coach refresher courses, updates, professional development workshops, and conferences when offered;
- (h) Always wear proper protective riding apparel when riding which consists of: a DOT-approved helmet, eye protection (face shield or goggles), gloves (no fingerless), boots (over-the-ankle footwear; not cloth or canvas), long-sleeved shirt or jacket and long non-flared pants (made of denim or equivalent abrasive resistant materials).
- (i) Have and maintain a satisfactory criminal history and driving history.
- (j) Apply for recertification within thirty (30) days of expiration date of certification period;
- (k) Currently operate a motorcycle and possess a valid Georgia Class M License;
- (l) Agree to teach only approved training courses in conformance with the most current curricula guidelines as per the RiderCoach Certification Manual ~~GMSP Operations Handbook~~;
- (m) Keep up-to-date on current motorcycle safety instruction and information;
- (n) Maintain teaching skills by teaching a minimum number of courses each year as per the RiderCoach Certification Manual ~~GMSP Operations Handbook~~;
- (o) Keep the Motorcycle Safety Program informed of any address changes and return all Coach surveys and inquiries promptly;
- (p) Exhibit professional conduct and appearance that would be an example for all motorcyclists to respect, admire, and emulate; and
- (q) Provide express authorization for the release of a driving record at any time deemed necessary by the Program Administrator.

(2) All Coach candidates shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- (a) Make necessary application and be accepted by the Motorcycle Safety program into a Coach Preparation course;
  - (b) Successfully complete a basic rider course;
  - (c) Successfully complete a teaching internship of at least, but not limited to, two (2) training courses as directed by the Program Administrator or designated staff;
  - (d) Have possessed for at least two (2) years prior to making application, a Georgia Class M License or equivalent from another state; and
  - (e) Regularly operate a street legal, registered motorcycle that complies with applicable vehicle laws and codes.
- (3) The Coach's certificate will expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.
  - (4) Coaches allowing their certificates to expire will not be permitted to instruct and shall be required to requalify and retrain for a new certificate under the then current requirements for an initial applicant.
  - (5) The Department may revoke or suspend a Coach's certification if it becomes aware of any violations of qualifications, laws, rules and regulations or falsification of documents.
  - (6) A suspended Coach may request a hearing in accordance with Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 375-1-1-.06~~the Administrative Procedure Act.~~
  - (7) A revoked or suspended Coach's certificate must be returned to the Department.
  - (8) A Lead Coach has responsibility for the overall operation of a specific course which includes but is not limited to the following: conducting all classroom and range sessions; supervising the other Coaches and/or range aides; ensuring that protective apparel is worn during all on-cycle training; securing all equipment and materials at the close of each class; and, checking all forms submitted for completeness and accuracy.
  - (9) A secondary Coach works under the supervision of a Lead Coach and duties include but are not limited to: demonstrating range exercises as directed; conducting remedial training as required; and assisting the Lead Coach in conducting the class as per the RiderCoach Certification Manual~~GMSP Operations Handbook.~~
  - (10) A range aide works under the direction of either the Lead or secondary Coach in non-instructional roles. Duties include but are not limited to: preparation and maintenance of motorcycles, preparation of range and preparation of classroom.
  - (11) Under no circumstances will a range aide's duties include any form of classroom or range instruction unless the range aid is a Motorcycle Safety Program-certified Coach.

**Authority: O.C.G.A. § 40-15-3.**

## **SYNOPSIS**

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE**

The purpose of this amendment is to update the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program rules.

## **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

This proposed amendment updates the name of the GMSP Operations Handbook to the *RiderCoach* Certification Manual. Reference is added to the last year's new single appeal rule, Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 375-1-1-.06.